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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Dear Public Service Commission Panel:

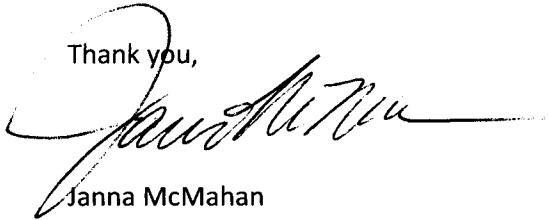
I would like to express my opposition to the request by SCE&G for an increase in rates and charges. I will be unable to attend the May 24 public night hearing.

I am well aware that as the population increases that demand for energy services are on the rise. At the same time, I'm also observing alternatives to increased rates, particularly within our own state. My friends who have co-op energy in the Lowcountry have described numerous energy conservation campaigns (such as supplying energy-efficient light bulbs to consumers) that the co-ops are enacting with great success. These options should be explored by SCE&G, and proven ineffectual, before rate hikes are allowed.

Another reason I am opposed is people are suffering financially right now. SCE&G should share in the pain of our economic downturn. It is unfair to simply pass along the burden and increase the hardship on consumers. Already we receive less service for a higher price than other parts of our state and certainly other parts of our country.

Please block SCE&G's attempt to sidestep their responsibility to be more efficient and fiscally responsible.

Thank you,



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